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1. EMBASSY VIENTIANE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN TRYING TO SCHEDULE AN APPEARANCE IN VIENTIANE BY MR. WILLIAM PHEMISTER (PIANIST/TEACHER) LISTED IN THE REFAIR AS TOURING EA-SEA IN SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1978.
2. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PRESENT A PERFORMANCE BY MR. PHEMISTER AT THE CHARGE'S RESIDENCE, WHICH HAS A PIANO IN GOOD CONDITION. WE WOULD PLAN TO INVITE APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY PEOPLE, COMPROMISING HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND VIENTIANE BASED DIPLOMATS, ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR SPOUSES. IF MR. PHEMISTER'S VISIT TO VIENTIANE COULD BE EXTENDED TO SEVERAL DAYS, TWO SUCH PERFORMANCES COULD BE PRESENTED.
3. MR. PHEMISTER WOULD BE WELCOME TO STAY AT THE RESIKENCE WHILE IN VIENTIANE, OR IF HE PREFERRED, HE COULD STAY AT VIENTIANE'S ONE MODEST BUT ACCEPTABLE HOTEL.
4. IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONFIRM DATES FOR MR.

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PHEMISTER'S TOUR WELL IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO AVOID UNACCEPTABLE VISA DELAYS. IT WOULD PROBABLY ALSO BE NECESSARY FOR MR. PHEMISTER TO SPEND SEVERAL DAYS IN BANGKOK IF HE PLANNED TO OBTAIN HIS VISA AT THE LAO EMBASSY THERE. IT WOULD AASO BE POSSIBLE FOR MR. PHEMISTER TO OBTAIN A VISA AT THE LAO EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, BUT THE WAIT THERE MAY ALSO BE SEVERAL

DAYS.

5. PLEASE ET US KNOW IF MR. PHEMISTER WOULD BE
INTERESTED IN COMING TO VIENTIANE AND WHAT HIS TERMS
WOULD BE. ROBERTS

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